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## APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to question No. 758 asked by Mr. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 21st October 1927, page 315 supra.]

*Statement showing the dates on which the hon. the Minister for Public Health and the Surgeon-General visited the several Government Hospitals in Madras City and the remarks made by them in the Visitors' books.*

Name of institution.	Date of visit by Minister for Public Health.	Date of visit by Surgeon-General.	Remarks made in the visitors' book.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1. General Hospital.	9th August 1922.	Vide answer to clause (b) (9).	Visited the hospital. I was taken round by the Superintendent and the Matron of the hospital. The building is too ancient to suit the modern requirements of a hospital. The operation theatre is altogether out of date. The latrine and kitchen arrangements are generally bad. The out-patient department requires expansion, particularly in casualty department. The staff seems to be working under circumstances exceedingly adverse. At one time I thought the proposed new building for the General Hospital in the Spur Tank area is a luxury. After my visit to the hospital, I am convinced that the new building is an absolute necessity.  P. RAMARAYANINGAR—9-8-22.
2. Rayapuram Hospital.	14th January 1925.	Vide answer to clause (b) (9).	Very pleased to visit this hospital with the Right Hon'ble Sir Montagu Barlow. Sir Montagu was glad to see the hospital well equipped and well managed.  P. RAMARAYANINGAR—14-1-25.
3. Royapetta Hospital.	17th August 1922.	10th March 1924 and 4th September 1926—vide also answer to clause (b) (9).	A fine hospital well managed. Its popularity seems to be ever increasing. Improvement in the accommodation for out-patients and more wards for in-patients appear to be urgently necessary. Better pay for the nursing staff is recommended by the Superintendent.  P. RAMARAYANINGAR. Inspected. T. H. SYMONS—10-3-24. Inspected. F. H. G. HUTCHINSON—4-9-26.
4. Ophthalmic Hospital.	9th August 1922 and 14th January 1925.	Vide answer to clause (b) (9).	Very pleased to have visited this interesting institute. Major Wright seems to be taking a keen interest in maintaining the institute up to its high traditions. The institute appears to be badly in need of better latrine accommodation, particularly for the out-patients who come in large numbers and have often to wait for considerable time.  P. RAMARAYANINGAR—9-8-22.

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5. Tuberculosis Hospital.	I am very glad to have visited this excellent institution with the Right Hon'ble Sir Montagu Barlow. Sir Montagu expressed his satisfaction at everything he saw in the hospital.		P. RAMARATANINGAR—14-1-25.
	26th May 1921, 1st December 1923, 24th November 1924 and 1st September 1925.	24th April 1923 — vide also answer to clause (6) (9).	Visited the hospital this morning. In spite of the inadequate supply of nurses, the patients seem to be well cared for. P. RAMARATANINGAR—25-5-21.
	The hospital is full. With the exception of two or three incurables, the patients are all improving under treatment. A much larger hospital could be filled with patients who require this kind of treatment. More nurses are required. An X-ray outfit is necessary. I am doing my best to hurry on the building of the new hospital in the Spar Tank. Dr. Chandrasekhar and his staff are doing excellent work.		GERALD G. GIFFARD—24-4-23.
	Visited this hospital this morning and taken round by Dr. Chandrasekhar. The patients appear to be carefully looked after. It is encouraging to learn that a large number of patients have been discharged, relieved or with the disease checked. The experience gained by Dr. Chandrasekhar during his recent European tour is being utilized in the management of the hospital. On the whole the hospital is very popular and requires early expansion.		P. RAMARATANINGAR—1-12-23.
	This morning I visited this hospital and was taken round by the Superintendent. From the enquiries I have made I am sure they are greatly benefited from the treatment given in the hospital. With the training Dr. Kesava Pai has in the up-to-date methods of tubercular treatment he is an acquisition to the Medical Department, and I have no doubt that under his superintendentship the hospital will prove to be a model Tubercular Hospital.		P. RAMARATANINGAR—24-11-24.
	I am glad I have been able to repeat my visit to this important hospital and find nearly everything connected with it better than before. The strength of the in-patients has gone up. The temporary ward seems to serve very well to accommodate the extra patients. I should like to have temporary wards of the kind added to the more important district headquarter hospitals. The cost of the shed is well below a couple of thousands of rupees. With sheds like this and especially trained medical men attached to the centrally situated and suitable headquarter hospitals, we can be giving a great deal of relief to tubercular patients. I have already suggested to the Surgeon-General the idea of getting a number of Assistant Surgeons specially trained in this hospital and the Madanapalle Sanatorium, and I expect an early materialization of the idea with the result that steps can be taken in the near future to expand medical relief to tubercular patients.		
	Under the Directorship of Rao Bahadur Dr. Kesava Pai, the popularity of the hospital is rapidly on the increase. Dr. Pai has amply justified his appointment. With him, the pneumothorax treatment seems to be a speciality. This treatment with its startling results in suitable cases is more frequently resorted to in this hospital than at the well-known Madanapalle Sanatorium which I had the pleasure of visiting only two		



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			<p>months back. I have carefully examined the temperature charts of the patients who are being given pneumothorax treatment. Improvement is marked in almost every case. Artificial compression of the lung appears to be effective in giving the lung the required rest and checking the generation of toxic poison. The treatment as simple as it is rational has so far had remarkable results and I congratulate Dr. Pai on his judicious selection of cases for this treatment.</p> <p>The hospital being too near to two of the much used public roads is exposed to the never-failing nuisance of driven-up road dust. The sooner it is removed to the Spur Tank area the better it is in the interests of the patients. The repair of the main staircase requires immediate attention.</p> <p>P. RAMARATANINGAR—1-9-25.</p>
6. Tuberculosis Institute.	2nd March 1921, 24th November 1924, 6th September 1925.	6th March 1924, 24th November 1925. Vide also answer to clause (b) (9).	<p>I have visited the Edward Memorial Tuberculosis Institute this morning. The Director of the Institute, Dr. P. S. Chandrasekhar, has taken me round the several departments of this most useful institution. Patients from different parts of the city and the mufassal are being carefully treated. It is indeed a source of satisfaction to note that in many cases of the dreaded disease the relief given is distinctly perceptible. Treatment in early stages of the disease has been productive of very satisfactory results. I am greatly impressed with the earnestness of Dr. Chandrasekhar. He spares no pains in his endeavour to make the enterprise a complete success. The Institute deserves every encouragement.</p> <p>P. RAMARATANINGAR—2-3-21.</p> <p>Inspected.</p> <p>T. H. SYMONS—6-3-24.</p> <p>I am glad to visit this institute again. The rush of patients is a proof of its growing popularity. How I wish the scheme of adding wards to this institute is at once taken in hand for execution.</p> <p>P. RAMARATANINGAR—24-11-24.</p> <p>I was glad to visit this Institution once again. The arrangement for the admission, examination and treatment of the patients appears to be all that can be desired. The average daily attendance of the out-patients is growing up. More patients mean more work. Moreover the laboratory work conducted on up to-date lines is becoming more and more elaborate. I was much interested to see the presence of the tubercular bacilli being tested according to Wassermann's method. The staff of the institute seems to be working at a stretch. The Surgeon-General will please report if the staff requires expansion.</p> <p>P. RAMARATANINGAR—6-9-25.</p> <p>Inspected.</p> <p>T. H. SYMONS—24-11-25.</p>
7. Mental Hospital.	20th February 1921, 3rd August 1922.	9th August 1921, 8th March 1924. Vide also answer to clause (b) (9).	<p>I visited Lunatic Asylum on the occasion of Pongal sports. I was indeed struck with amazement to find order where chaos should have reigned. Dr. McCauly Hayes and Mrs. McCauly Hayes who are looked up to as the parents of the inmates seem to command the complete confidence of the unfortunates. From what I could</p>

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			<p>see, the management of the Asylum is perfectly satisfactory. I would like to see the Asylum supplied with one or two motor lorries to give the patients a little bit of airing. I hope the Doctor will have the opportunity to run this useful institution at least for a few years longer.</p> <p>P. RAMARAYANINGAR—20-2-21.</p> <p>Visited the Asylum this morning. The institution is clean and evidently the supervision is first class.</p> <p>Two things are urgently needed—</p> <p>(1) A new kitchen.</p> <p>(2) A pucca cow shed.</p> <p>I have asked the Superintendent to make out plans at once for these two buildings.</p> <p>A hospital for mental diseases is not as a rule the most cheery of places but one cannot but be struck by the generally happy condition of the inmates of this institution.</p> <p>T. H. SYMONS—9-8-21.</p> <p>I visited the Asylum with Mr. F. J. Richards, the Secretary, Local Self-Government Department, and taken round by the Superintendent. I had interesting talks with some of the inmates and saw the office and store-rooms, the weaving school, the hospital and the general enclosures for criminals and others. The patients appear to be well controlled and are improving both in mental and physical condition as is shown by the work they turn out and by the weighments periodically recorded. The rise in the admissions signifies the increasing popularity of the institution. The average decrease in the deaths and liability to general diseases is encouraging.</p> <p>One Brahman patient from the Northern Circars complained that he was being compelled to eat mutton and fish. If the complaint is well founded, I should like the Superintendent to consider the possibility of substituting extra quantity of ghee and oil for mutton and fish in the case of vegetarian patients.</p> <p>The present office room seems to be in need of expansion. It is too small and has no accommodation for the examination of patients for sorting, when they come for admission.</p> <p>The drainage system particularly in the case of the general mess room requires improvement.</p> <p>On the whole the Asylum seems to be well managed.</p> <p>P. RAMARAYANINGAR—3-8-22.</p> <p>Inspected. Various things noted for report.</p> <p>T. H. SYMONS—8-3-24.</p>
8. Hospital for Women and Children, Madras.	3rd August 1922.	Vide answer to clause (b) (9).	<p>I have been delighted to visit this hospital. The institution maintained in the most up-to-date style is an attraction to all India. Really Madras ought to feel proud of it.</p> <p>Only I was disappointed to see the new Operation Theatre still in an incomplete state. I hope the Public Works Department will push on the work and bring it to completion before the end of the year.</p> <p>P. RAMARAYANINGAR—3-8-22.</p>
9. Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital.	(Date not known.)	Vide answer to clause (b) (9).	<p>I was very much pleased to visit this hospital and be taken round by Dr. Beadon. The patients seem to be very well cared for, but the accommodation is far from being satisfactory.</p> <p>I hope and trust the Marina Hospital Scheme will soon reach fruition and relieve the patients and doctors of the Victoria Hospital.</p> <p>P. RAMARAYANINGAR—3-8-22.</p>